

TEACHERS' CHARGE ACCOUNTS CUT OFF ON STATE ST.

Three State street stores have by their action toward Chicago Teachers' Federation members served notice on the thousands of civil service workers who live in Chicago.

That your credit is cut off and your charge account withdrawn when you lose your government job, unless you own real estate that guarantees your account..

That it makes no difference whether you are an "efficient" worker with high rating, if you lose your job you lose your charge account and it's no use to appeal that your discharge from public service was unfair and demands correction.

These facts were brought out in the meeting behind closed doors of the Teachers' Federation Saturday in Masonic Temple. The big stores named by teachers whose charge accounts were summarily withdrawn are: Marshall Field & Co., Siegel-Cooper & Co., and Hillman's.

Both Pres. John G. Shedd and Vice Pres. James C. Simpson of Marshall Field & Co. were away from their offices this morning. But Pres. Shedd's secretary made this statement:

"I have not heard anything about charge accounts of public school teachers. Our credit department is considered the best in the city and if on the basis of reports from mercantile agencies it has withdrawn these accounts it is because future income of those involved appears to be stopped. You may say positively, however, that this store would not withdraw an account because of a teacher's membership in a labor union, a church, a political party or any other organization."

"For years I have done my shopping at Field's," said one teacher at Saturday's meeting. "One day last week I tried on some hats and picked out one for wear this fall.

"If I had known what was coming I would have had the money with

me to pay for this one hat I was buying and then quit Field's forever. I was more than surprised when I was told that my charge account had been cut off.

"My record of years as a shopper who always paid bills regularly and my record in the office of the Chicago superintendent of schools as a 'superior' teacher didn't count."

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS

New York.—Claiming wedding ring is symbolic relic of servitude of woman, Miss Emma L. Richards, suffrage leader, wants woman to give man ring when new marriage service of Episcopal church is completed.

London.—Raymond Asquith, son of British prime minister, has been killed. He was lieutenant in Grenadier Guards.

Philadelphia.—Pennsylvania railroad will spend \$10,000,000 to extend its lines into Detroit.

London.—Food disorders have broken out in Vienna, says Geneva dispatch. Beef is selling at \$4 a pound and rice at \$2 a pound.

El Paso.—Reported that U. S. cavalry captured 16 Mexican bandits near Namiquipa.

Dixon, Ill.—Ray L. Warren, Vandavia, confessed forging checks on H. B. Krauel day before his marriage. Arrested on first day of honeymoon.

London.—Prince Albert, second son of King George, operated upon for abdominal abscess.

Long Beach, Cal.—While trying to chloroform neighbor's bat, Louis Jennings was overcome by fumes and died.

Berlin.—Additional subscriptions totaling \$24,750,000 to German loan announced.

New York.—Seth Low, 66, former mayor of New York, twice mayor of Brooklyn and once pres. of Columbia univ., dead after long illness.

Washington.—Britain will stand firm for its right to censor mails of neutrals.